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1. INDONESIA: Westerling threat reported lessening--US Ambassador Cochran in Jakarta has been assured by the Netherlands High Commissioner in Indonesia that he now has the cooperation of local Netherlands military leaders and that the threat posed by the activities of the ex-army insurrectionist Westerling is declining. Cochran also transmits evidence from Indonesian Government sources indicating that Westerling and his associates had been financed by Dutch officials. Cochran, however, recommends that no US representations on the subject be made to the Netherlands Government on the grounds that the best results can be achieved if negotiations concerning Westerling are left directly to Indonesian and Netherlands officials in Jakarta.

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